IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 22, 37, 38, 40, and 41 to read as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of storing data, said method comprising the steps of:

storing data, as one or more data samples, in a media file configured for use by a media player application in playing the data samples; and

storing, in an index file associated with the media file, ~~information for instructing the media player application where to find~~ at least an offset value for each of the data samples representing a location of each of the data samples in the media file, wherein the media file further comprises additional information interspersed throughout the media file, wherein the additional information comprises at least a timestamp for each of the data samples, each of the timestamps indicating a capture time of an associated data sample, wherein the additional information of the media file is used in reconstructing the index file upon corruption of the index file, the reconstructive index file comprising the offset values representing the locations of each of the data samples in the media file.

2. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the additional information is used exclusively for reconstruction of the index file.

3-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the additional information comprises a resolution of an associated sample.

8. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the information of the index file comprises frame rate variation information.

9. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the additional information is stored as one or more dedicated samples of the media file.

10. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the media file is configured in accordance with the Microsoft™ AVI™ file format.

11. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the index file is configured in accordance with the Apple™ QuickTime™ file format.

12. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the data is video data.

13. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the data is text data.

14. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the data is video data and associated text data.

15. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 14, wherein the video and associated text data are captured for security purposes.

16. (Original) A method according to claim 12, wherein each video sample is a separate JPEG file.

17. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 13, wherein a plurality of copies of a corresponding text string are included in each text sample of the media file.

18. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 17, wherein a first copy of the text string is configured in accordance with the AVI™ file format.

19. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 17, wherein a second copy of the text string is configured in accordance with the QuickTime™ file format.

20. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of inserting one or more empty samples into the media file to compensate for any missed samples.

21. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the index file contains a track referencing at least the media file.

22. (Currently Amended) A method of storing video and associated text data, said method comprising the steps of:

storing the video and associated text data, as one or more data samples, in a media file in accordance with a first file format, the media file being configured for use by a media player application in playing the video data;

storing, in an index file in accordance with a second file format, at least an offset value for each of the data samples representing a location of ~~information for instructing the~~

~~media player application where to find~~ each of the one or more data samples in the media file; and

adding additional information interspersed throughout the media file, the media file including the additional information being readable by ~~a~~ the media player application corresponding at least to the first file format, the additional information comprising at least a timestamp for one or more of the data samples, each of the timestamps indicating a capture time of an associated data sample, wherein the additional information of the media file is used in reconstructing the index file upon corruption of the index file, the reconstructed index file comprising the offset values representing the locations of each of the data samples in the media file.

23. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 22, wherein the additional information is used exclusively for reconstruction of the index file.

24-27. (Cancelled)

28. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 22, wherein the additional information comprises a resolution of an associated sample.

29. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 22, wherein the information of the index file comprises frame rate variation information.

30. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 22, wherein the additional information is stored as a dedicated sample of the media file.

31. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 22, wherein the first file format is the Microsoft™ AVI™ file format.

32. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 22, wherein the second file format is the Apple™ QuickTime™ file format.

33. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 22, wherein the video and associated text data is captured for security purposes.

34-36. (Canceled)

37. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for storing data, said apparatus comprising:

media file generation means for storing data, as one or more data samples, in a media file configured for use by a media player application in playing the data samples; and

index file generation means for storing, in an index file associated with the media file, at least an offset value for each of the data samples representing a location of ~~information for instructing the media player application where to find~~ each of the data samples in the media file, wherein the media file further comprises additional information interspersed throughout the media file, wherein the additional information comprises at least a timestamp for one or more of the data samples, each of the timestamps indicating a capture time of an associated data sample, wherein the additional information of the media file is used in reconstructing the index file upon corruption of the index file, the reconstructed index file comprising the offset values representing the locations of each of the data samples in the media file.

38. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for storing video and associated text data, said apparatus comprising:

media file generation means for storing the video and associated text data, as one or more data samples, in a media file in accordance with a first file format, the media file being configured for use by a media player application in playing the video data;

index file generation means for storing in an index file in accordance with a second file format, at least an offset value for each of the data samples representing a location of ~~information for instructing the media player application where to find~~ each of the one or more data samples in the media file; and

image information adding means for adding additional information interspersed throughout the media file, the media file comprising the additional information being readable by the media player application corresponding at least to the first file format, the additional information comprises at least a timestamp for one or more of the data samples, each of the timestamps indicating a capture time of an associated data sample, wherein the additional information of the media file is used in reconstructing the index file upon corruption of the index file, the reconstructed index file comprising the offset values representing the locations of each of the data samples in the media file.

39. (Canceled)

40. (Currently Amended) A computer program product comprising a computer readable medium having recorded thereon a computer program for storing data, said program comprising:

code for storing data, as one or more data samples, in a media file configured for use by a media player application in playing the data samples; and

code for storing, in an index file associated with the media file, at least an offset value for each of the data samples representing a location of ~~information for instructing the media player application where to find~~ each of the data samples in the media file, wherein the media file further comprises additional information interspersed throughout the media file, the additional information comprising at least a timestamp for one or more of the data samples, each of the timestamps indicating a capture time of an associated data sample, wherein the additional information of the media file is used in reconstructing the index file upon corruption of the index file, the reconstructive index file comprising the offset values representing the locations of each of the data samples in the media file.

41. (Currently Amended) A computer program product comprising a computer readable medium having recorded thereon a computer program for storing video and associated text data, said program comprising:

code for storing the video and associated text data, as one or more data samples, in a media file in accordance with a first file format, the media file being configured for use by a media player application in playing the video data;

code for storing, in an index file in accordance with a second file format, at least an offset value for each of the data samples representing a location of ~~information for~~

~~instructing the media player application where to find~~ each of the one or more data samples in the media file; and

code for adding additional information interspersed throughout the media file, the media file including the additional information being readable by the media player application corresponding at least to the first file format, the additional information comprising at least a timestamp for one or more of the data samples, each of the timestamps indicating a capture time of an associated data sample, wherein the additional information of the media file is used in reconstructing the index file upon corruption of the index file, the reconstructed index file comprising the offset values representing the locations of each of the data samples in the media file.

42. (Canceled)